

## CORRECTED COMMUNICATION



### MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer-  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
Los Angeles, California 90012

At its meeting held October 28, 2008, the Board took the following action:

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At the time and place regularly set, notice having been duly given, the following item was called up:

De novo hearing on Project No. R2005-00055-(5), Conditional Use Permit Case No. 200500005-(5), and Negative Declaration, to authorize the construction, operation and maintenance of a water distribution facility on a 7.67 acre parcel located at 12800 Sierra Highway, between Sierra Vallejo Road and Steele Avenue adjacent to the unincorporated communities of Sleepy Valley and Agua Dulce, Soledad Zoned District, applied for by Roy Ramey, as further described in the attached letter dated March 20, 2008 from the Director of Planning. (Appeal from Regional Planning Commission's approval)

All persons wishing to testify were sworn in by the Executive Officer of the Board. Mark Child, representing the Department of Regional Planning testified. Dr. Shane Ramey, James Barrett, Joseph Cota, Katherine Sloan, Ze Gonzales and Adele Konecko addressed the Board. Written correspondence was presented.

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“Conditional Use Permit No. 200500005-(5) is an application to allow a commercial water hauling business in Sleepy Valley. The applicant has submitted documentation supporting his claim that this project will not adversely impact surrounding wells in the community. County engineers in the Department of Public Works have reviewed this evidence and agree that the proposed well, as conditioned, will not adverse well operations on surrounding properties. The Department of Regional Planning recommends approval and has imposed numerous conditions that restrict the amount of water that can be pumped, limit the number of daily truck trips, and require detailed submittal of pumping volumes and well levels.

“There has been testimony today, and I have received letters from residents, concerned about the potential impacts of this project. No evidence, however, has been submitted to prove these allegations. The applicant filed his application several years ago, and my staff has met with Sleepy Valley residents many times, including during the early stages of the County's review of this project. The Regional Planning Commission heard from these residents and still voted unanimously to approve this Conditional Use Permit application.

“Although staff and the Commission imposed conditions, concerns remain about whether these conditions are adequate to protect the surrounding community. My motion will therefore include conditions to further protect this community and prevent future conflicts and code enforcement issues.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried (Supervisor Knabe being absent), the Board closed the hearing and took the following actions:

1. Denied the appeal filed by Katherine M. Sloan;

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2. Approved and adopted the **Mitigated** Negative Declaration prepared for the project; certified its completion, and determined that there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant impact upon the environment; and that the Negative Declaration reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the County;
3. Indicated its intent to approve Project No. R2005-00055-(5), Conditional Use Permit Case No. 200500005-(5); and
4. Instructed County Counsel and the Director of Planning to modify the conditions of approval to:
  - Require that the applicant hire a third-party consultant, acceptable to the Department of Regional Planning, to conduct 4 inspections per year (2 announced and 2 unannounced inspections) to monitor the project terms of compliance with conditions of approval relevant to truck trips, record-keeping, maintenance and validity of State and County permits, and other relevant conditions of this grant, as determined by the Department of Regional Planning;
  - Require that the applicant hire a third-party engineer, acceptable to the Department of Public Works, to calibrate, gauge, and inspect all water wells, pumping equipment, and gauges to insure the proper operation and accuracy of equipment, at least twice a year (or more if so deemed necessary by staff), and submit findings and recommendations to the Department of Public Works;
  - Modify Condition No. 9 to eliminate the Director's Review of an extension, instead requiring that upon the expiration of this grant in 5 years, that the Regional Planning Commission shall review and consider an additional 5-year or 10-year term at a noticed public hearing; and

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5. Instructed County Counsel to prepare the necessary findings and conditions for final approval and to bring it back to a future Board of Supervisors meeting.

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Attachments

Copies distributed:

- Each Supervisor
- County Counsel
- Acting Director of Planning
- Acting Director of Public Works
- Dr. Shane Ramey
- James Barrett
- Joseph Cota
- Katherine Sloan
- Ze Gonzales
- Adele Konecko